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INFO AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: SECRETARY BUTZ TRAVEL

1. ROOM AND CONFERENCE ARRANGEMENTS CONFIRMED SHANGRILA HOTEL.

HAVE RESERVED BUS AT US \$175 PER DAY AND TWO PRIVATE CARS WITH DRIVERS AT US \$65 PER DAY EACH. OVERTIME CHARGES FOR EVENING USE APPROXIMATELY \$7 PER HOUR FOR CARS. ALTHOUGH SEC. BUTZ WILL RIDE WITH AMBASSADOR AT AIRPORT ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE, BOTH HE AND MRS. BUTZ WILL NEED PERSONAL VEHICLES FOR MUCH OF VISIT.

2. MRS. HOLDRIDGE BELIEVES WIVES MIGHT ENJOY LUNCHEON AT GOOD LOCAL WESTERN OR CHINESE RESTAURANT ON APRIL 21 RATHER THAN AT RESIDENCE. ADVISE IF DEPT. OF AGRICULTURE CAN FUND MEAL COST, ESTIMATED \$5-6 PER PERSON.

3. NOTE WIVES ALSO FREE EVENING OF APRIL 22 AS GRAIN TRADERS DINNER FOR SEC. BUTZ IS STAG. IF WIVES WISH, EMBASSY CAN ARRANGE PROGRAM SUCH AS VISIT TO NIGHT MARKET, CHINATOWN, MALAY CULTURAL SHOW OR CHINESE STREET OPERA IF AVAILABLE. DINNER COULD BE AT LOCAL RESTAURANT OR FOOD STALLS, WITH EXPENSES ON NO-HOST BASIS. PLEASE ADVISE.

4. EMBASSY URGES 4:30 P.M. PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 22 BE RETAINED, IF GOOD PRESS COVERAGE OF VISIT DESIRED. UNLIKELY MANY PRESS REPRESENTATIVES WOULD ATTEND SEC. SPEECH AND THEN ASK QUESTIONS
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IN PRESENCE OF LARGELY AMERICAN AUDIENCE. PRIVATE QUESTION AND

ANSWER SESSION WITH SEC. BUTZ PREFERABLE WITH ADVANCE COPY OF
SPEECH TO HAND OUT. ALSO NEED SPEECH TOPIC ASAP FOR ADVANCE
PROMOTION.

5. EMBASSY TELEPHONE ON LOCAL EXCHANGE IS 30-251. IT IS MANNED
ON 24 HOUR BASIS. AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE HAS TIE ON TO THIS LINE
AND ALSO DIRECT LINE NUMBER 235-7060. SHANGRILA PHONE IS
373644. ROOM ASSIGNMENTS TO FOLLOW.

6. APPRECIATE TITLES OF EACH MEMBER OF PARTY. ALSO NEED ASAP SAME
INFO REQUESTED BY KUALA LUMPUR ON ALL WEAPONS TO BE BROUGHT INTO
SINGAPORE.
HOLDRIDGE

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